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## LANDSCAPE PROJECT ON THE LONG BEACH FREEWAY (I-710)

LONG BEACH – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin a landscape restoration project on the north and southbound shoulders of the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) between Pacific Coast Highway and Wardlow Avenue, starting October 18, 2004.

Portions of the existing landscape was impacted during a recent roadway improvement project and some older landscaping will be removed to make way for restoration. The focus of the project's first phase is installation of a new fully automated irrigation system. Replacement plantings will begin in spring 2005 consisting of various trees, shrubs, vines and ground cover, some of which are flowering. Decorative paving will be added at ramps for aesthetic and safety improvement. Impact to traffic from this project will be minimal, only occasional nighttime ramp closures are foreseen.

P&D Landscape Management is the contractor on the \$5 million project. Completion is estimated for fall 2005, a three-year plant establishment period will follow.

For further questions call the Caltrans Public Affairs Office at 213 897-3656.

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